TO: State Directors
Rural Development

FROM: Arthur A. Garcia (Signed by Arthur A. Garcia)

Administrator

Rural Housing Service

SUBJECT: Poverty Line Guidelines for Rural Housing Service

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

We are issuing this Administrator Notice (AN) to notify Rural Development personnel managing the Rural Housing Service programs of a change in the poverty line income figures.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN replaces AN No. 3653 (1942-A) dated May 17, 2001.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Effective immediately, and continuing until further notice, the poverty line referred to in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart A, and 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B is \$18,100 per year for all States except Alaska and Hawaii. The applicable poverty line is \$22,630 for Alaska and \$20,820 for Hawaii.

Current poverty line information was published by the Department of Health and Human Services in the <u>Federal Register</u> on February 14, 2002, on pages 6931-6933.

EXPIRATION DATE: FILING INSTRUCTIONS: April 30, 2003 Preceding RD Instruction 1942-A